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Agenda

Policy Alternatives for Measuring Teacher Effectiveness in the Southeast

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Webinar

SERVE Center at UNCG, Greensboro, NC

- Greetings and Introductions (10 minutes) — Eric S. Howard, REL-SE facilitator
- Research Presentation (10 minutes) — Dr. Douglas N. Harris will present an overview of the fundamental concepts regarding value-added models (VAMs) and their application to teacher evaluation, drawing in particular on his research, *What Makes for a Good Teacher and Who Can Tell?* (Harris & Sass, 2009).
 - Q&A (10 minutes) — Dr. Harris will address questions taken from the participants who use the “raised hands” function and who are then selected by the REL-SE facilitator. He will also address questions provided via electronic submission through the question pod and questions solicited from participants prior to the webinar.
- Research Presentation (10 minutes) — Dr. Harris will continue his discussion of value-added modeling as it relates to comparisons with more traditional measures of teacher effectiveness and evaluation such as credential strategies and classroom observations, and drawing on his more recent research examining value-added modeling as a policy instrument, *Would Accountability Based on Teacher Value Added Be Smart Policy? An Examination of the Statistical Properties and Policy Alternatives* (Harris, 2009).
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- Research Presentation (10 minutes) — Dr. Harris will conclude his presentation with a discussion of the advantages and challenges facing value-added modeling as it relates to teacher evaluation.
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- Open Q&A (15 minutes) — Eric S. Howard will coordinate final questions for Dr. Harris.
- Wrap-up (5 minutes) — Eric S. Howard